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The proposed settlement with Microsoft will do nothing to prevent their abusive of their monopoly position. In fact, it is because of their repeated violations of previous consent decrees that they were investigated for the most recent antitrust trial. There appear to be essentially no teeth at all to the proposed settlement. I fail to see the point of adding time to their being under court ordered review if they violate the court ordered review?!

More importantly Microsoft doctored evidence in the trial, Bill Gates failed to show up and testify but rather sent in videotape where he acted arrogantly and continued to produce software that stifled competition. Many more anti-competitive acts and tactics have come out of Redmond since the trial first started which show their lack of concern for current US law.

Lastly, and probably most importantly, is the fact that Microsoft was found guilty and the guilty verdict was upheld. I am at a loss to think of any case, particularly one this high-profile and this handily won, where the guilty criminal was allowed to negotiate their punishment!? The mind boggles...

Please use the full force of antitrust law to restore healthy competition to this most vital part of our economy.

Sincerely,

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